



## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024**

**Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)  
Councillors Fletcher, Robinson, Smith, Venables, & White**

**Also in attendance:**

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.  
Martin Worth – Cornwall Councillor

Members of the public: **6**

Members of the public were permitted to speak on each Agenda item for a period of 3 minutes. This meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media, and members of the public. The public were advised that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public would not be filmed, it could not be guaranteed.

**Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024**

### **1441/2024 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) welcomed residents to the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules.

Social distancing and Covid-19 measures were observed, such as ventilation.

No one intended recording the meeting.

### **1442 Public participation**

No public participation.

### **1443 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons stated.**

Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) (work commitments), Cllr Ellis (absent).

### **1444 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors declared pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.



Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for written Dispensations or Gifts.

#### **1445 Minutes of the Public Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Draft Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Smith.  
All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes.

#### **1446 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.**

None.

#### **1447 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

Cllr Worth advised regarding the Cornwall White Paper v9, the Saltash Tunnel maintenance programme and the Saltash (HWRC) refuse tip arrangements- Town & Parish Councillors.

I would like to draw attention to the White Paper being publicly discussed today in the [Agenda for Corporate Finance and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 10th September, 2024, 10.00 am - Cornwall Council](#)

I would hope that councillors can read through the document [Proposed Cornwall White Paper - Appendix 1.pdf](#)

I wanted to draw attention to the specific mentions on Page 16 & 17 for SE Cornwall, A38, Saltash and Tamar Crossings which I have played a part in ensuring were included.

Cornwall's strategic transport network including the A30 and A38, is essential to driving exports and supporting a functioning economy. The Tamar crossings provide a vital connection for residents and businesses in South East Cornwall to essential health, employment, business, and education services. Western Europe's largest naval base and dockyard could not function without the Torpoint Ferry providing an essential connection between the base on the east bank of the river and the fuel stores, training base and living quarters in Torpoint. The Torpoint ferry is the only ferry in the country that runs 24 hours per day. Saltash and Torpoint are the only towns in the country to be separated from their nearest hospital by a toll.

An annual contribution from the Government towards the maintenance of the Tamar crossings and the trunk road network to ensure the sustainability of this critical public infrastructure.

Delivery of the A38 safety package to ensure a safe resilient network to protect the economy of South East Cornwall and the wider region.

This document is a live document and as you can see, we are already on V.9. It will continue to evolve with our council's discussions with the Dept Prime Minister, Government & MPs.



Please also see the joint cross-party letter that has already gone to the Dept Prime Minister on the proposed Devolution Deal. Signed by Cornwall Councillor Group Leaders and MPs.

[Proposed Cornwall White Paper - Appendix 3.pdf](#)

Saltash Tunnel technology upgrade details can be found at –

[www.nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel)

X (formally Twitter) @HighwaysSWest  
Facebook HighwaysSWest

Saltash HWRC.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/transport-streets-and-waste/new-booking-system-to-reduce-queues-at-newquay-and-saltash-household-recycling-centres/>

Saltash HWRC will be soft launching the system on Monday 9 September. From this date all visitors will be asked to book but during the initial 3 weeks of the soft launch we will not turn anyone away from site

This will give the opportunity to advertise the new system and provide residents with a link to the online booking form <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/tipbooking> or telephone number 03001234141 for those unable to book online

Booking slots will be 30 minutes and can be made for the same day or up to a week in advance.

Residents can cancel their bookings.

Saltash HWRC refuse tip book to make an appointment 'book a slot' at –

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/tipbooking](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/tipbooking)

Telephone 0300 1234 141

Saltash (HWRC) waste tip queuing times are to be addressed along with improvements to the site. Currently being addressed by Saltash Town Council following complaints. Early indications show that the new Booking scheme is working well.

Gilston Road (exit from Lidl's) under review to improve traffic flow.

A letter from the Leader of Cornwall Council has been sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding the Winter Fuel payments situation.

Cllr Worth confirmed that BOTHER would be included in forthcoming Treledan discussions and that recommendations as made by BOTHER were noted.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.



**1448 Finance**

**A Accounts for Payment September 2024**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment.

**B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information**

Bank Receipts were reported as **£10,750**. Total receipts Account1 2024/2025 **£23,681**.

Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00**. Total receipts Account2 2024/2025 **£0.00**  
Total Receipts all Accounts 2024/2025 **£23,681**

**C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)**

The General Account balance was reported as £20,852 and the Earmarked Funds as £19,461. Total Funds £40,313

**D Monthly budget monitoring balances report**

Refer to Finance report at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)

Councillors **Resolved** to note items 1448 (B) (C) & (D).

**E Public Works Loan Board Statement Sept 2024**

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Loan amount outstanding **£53,422.57**.

**1449 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>**

**New Planning Applications – One received**

**Application PA24 / 06346**

**Proposal Erection of two detached dwellings**

**Location 7 Carlton Villas Hatt Saltash Cornwall**

**Grid Ref 239788 / 62024**

Councillors considered the following points in addition to the point made by Cllr Smith in that whilst the Council welcomed affordable housing under the (NDP) scheme, the location for this development at Carlton Villas was not suitable.



## REASONS FOR NOT SUPPORTING

### **Public Protection Contaminated Land Planning Consultations –**

- Requires a Phase 1 preliminary assessment. This report should include a desk-based study (which looks at all available historical and environmental information), a site walkover, and the generation of a risk-based conceptual model of the site identifying the potential sources, pathways, and receptors ('preliminary risk assessment'). This report has not yet been submitted.
- The design of the two dwellings does not reflect the character and setting of the adjacent properties.
- The introduction of weatherboarding makes the design wholly out of character with the existing area.

### **SAFETY –**

- Additionally, the new vehicle access points are within a high traffic area, near the main entrance to Hatt and the areas beyond, a fuel station forecourt, and near the Carlton Villas junction. This would be a poor position for additional vehicular movements.

### **Access to the proposed new driveways –**

- Vollards Lane is the main road from the roundabout on the A388 into the village. It can be very busy during peak times with cars, lorries and fast travelling agricultural vehicles. The petrol station forecourt is busy and opposite the proposed houses and driveways.
- Children during peak times travel up and along past the site. During school holidays and weekends children walk past to the Recreation Field.
- The driveways are too close to the junction.
- The 3 proposed driveways are opposite where pedestrians would cross to walk to and from the petrol station shop.
- There would be more vehicles parked nearby from the inevitable second vehicles for the houses. The limited layby parking spaces nearby are already inadequate for existing residents' vehicles.
- The driveways are also very close to the Open Reach 'green box' that supplies many phone lines and internet to the residents of Hatt.

**Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded that the Council REJECT Planning Application PA24 / 06346. All agreed.**



## Planning Application Decisions – Two received.

### Application PA24 / 03984

**Proposal** Proposed new dwelling set within the private land ownership grounds of Villaton Barton. Intended to allow multi-generational family occupancy, and to remain dependent on and tied to the main host dwelling.

**Location** Villaton Barton Hatt Saltash PL12 6PP

**Grid Ref** 239001 / 62285

### Planning Application PA24 / 03984 Refused 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Application PA24 / 04219

**Proposal** Erection of garage to the East of the existing property (under construction PA19 / 10392)

**Location** Crooked Lodge, Botus Fleming, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 6NQ

### Planning Application PA24 / 04219 Approved 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Planning Application for Information – None received.

Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received.

Councillors **Resolved** to note all planning matters.

## 1450 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan

[www.botusflemingandhattndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhattndp.com)

Cllr Smith advised that he had attended the (NALC) presentation given to Councillors via a Zoom meeting. A large proportion of Parish Councils now need to review and amend their (NDP) in accordance with revised Legislation and the proposed changes to the Planning Policy Framework. Particular attention will need to be paid to the development of Housing needs throughout Cornwall which is likely to impact many Parish Councils.

Cllr Smith stated that he would need support from not only Councillors but also volunteers as a working group to assist with revising the (NDP) plan. Cllr Edwards (Chairman) stated that a fresh request on the HCBB Facebook could generate volunteers.



Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### 1451            **Recreation Field & Benches**

Cllrs Edwards (Chairman) and Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Venables for carrying out the hedge trimming at the Recreation field. All Councillors were very grateful. The self-seeding oaks and cherry tree saplings were not disturbed during the trimming process, and they would be relocated in the future.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) had inspected all of the locks for the security of the field and had cleaned and oiled the locks. However, one of the padlocks to the bottom gate was completely rusted and unusable. He had purchased a new one and replaced it.

The Play Inspection Company reported that the Multiplay unit required remedial repair, ***'The slide is unsecured at the top and secured only by short pegs at the base that are easily lifted out of the ground. Repair as required to secure the slide'***.

The Chairman advised that the Council's Grounds maintenance Contractor had now completed repairs by strengthening the wood beams and concreting the pegs into the ground.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) advised that Mr Paul Bearham (SW Builds Manager) and the Good-Growth Officer would be visiting Hatt on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to review the proposed building plans for the Community Centre, to consider its location on the field and to discuss funding information with Councillors. Details of the project and financial implications of funding would be considered within the Council's Budget programme for 2025 / 2026.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### 1452            **Councillors Reports**

The full Council reports for Item 1452 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)

##### **A        Asset Audit**

All Assets on the monthly checklist were reported in order, and Cllr White added that the strut to the picnic bench had been repaired and that gate hinges were now working properly. The annual inspection report from The Play Inspection Company had been received and the only play equipment repair recommendation made is addressed at item 1451.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



## **B Climate and Ecological Emergency**

Cllr Fletcher reported –

### **1. New flowers evident on the roundabout:**

- Meadow cranesbill
- Pencilled cranesbill
- Fleabane
- Tufted vetch

### **2. It had been a poor season for pollinators.**

Cold, wet and windy. This has been the worst year since the Big Butterfly Count began 14 years ago. Down 50% on last year.

Equally bad for other pollinators such as solitary bees and beetles.

These are our canaries in the mine for planetary food supplies. Without them we would have virtually no fruit and vegetables. There have always been bad years like this, but historically there was a much larger base to start from, so species would be able to easily recover the following years. Now, however, we have already had a catastrophic decline in invertebrates for several decades. Therefore, bounce back will be much more difficult.

**Solutions: pesticide bans, field margins, gardens, verges, nature recovery.**

### **3. The trees on the A388 verge continue to do well. Several of them have produced berries this year, including the rowans and sorbus. This means that pollinators have been active, and that the berries will be available for the birds. The latter will thus be able to help spread the seeds to generate even more trees further afield, making a self-sustaining system. The health of the trees has benefited from the regular strimming of brambles by our groundsman, and I would propose that this continues for the next few years.**

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

## **C BOTHER**

Cllr Fletcher reported -

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September Margaret Matthews and Cllr Fletcher attended the CAP meeting, which was held in Looe. One focus of this meeting was transport.

James Hatton (CC Transport) was present, and gave a short presentation, at the end of which Cllr Fletcher asked him for an update on the proposed walk/cycle route in our area. JH responded that key landowners (i.e. those whose land was situated on the path of the most favourable route) had been unwilling to permit the use of their land for such a purpose. He also confirmed that CC will incorporate pedestrian/cyclist crossing points in plans for the roundabout at Roods Corner, in





case a breakthrough can be reached in the future. He will circulate a report when the roundabout plans are finalised.

BOTHER notes that CC has stated that walking and cycling are its top transport priority.

The possibility of alternative, albeit more expensive routes could be pursued. There is also the question of whether, if all else failed, CC would be willing to issue Compulsory Purchase Orders. After all, without more inventive thinking the disruption that global heating is already causing can only get worse.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

### 1453 Clerk's items

The draft Budget and Precept report had been distributed to Councillors and would be considered at the Operations Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 prior to full debate at the Public Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.

### 1454 Correspondence

None.

### 1455 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 7:30pm at the St Mary's Church Hall (covid safe).

The Parish Council would continue to follow any instructions from CALC concerning the COVID -19 situation in connection with forthcoming Public Meetings. The choice to meet face to face was now an option with safety guidelines applying.

Please refer to [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk) for further details.

### 1456 End of meeting 20:15

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**Signed**  
**(Chairman)**

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**Date**